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PRACTICE NOTE

Exercise Planning: City of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Office of Emergency Management's Volunteer Registration

PRACTICE

The City of Pittsburgh Office of Emergency Management pre-registered volunteers weeks prior to an exercise in order to expedite sign-in and moulage procedures.

DESCRIPTION

The City of Pittsburgh Office of Emergency Management planned and executed an evacuation drill at PNC Park in 2005. The exercise tested PNC Park's evacuation procedures and assessed the capabilities of local agencies to respond to an explosion at the stadium. The exercise plan called for two hundred volunteers to act as victims of the explosion. These volunteers were required to arrive four hours prior to the exercise in order to sign in, receive heavy moulage, and observe an exercise briefing. Exercise planners recognized that registering, preparing, and briefing over two hundred volunteers the day of the event would be challenging given limited time and resources.

To avoid delays and logistical problems, the exercise planners pre-registered volunteers weeks before the exercise through the local American Red Cross chapter. The volunteers were assigned to the moulage, decontamination, or general evacuation portion of the exercise. These steps enabled exercise managers to check in the victims through separate entrances and quickly move two hundred individuals through the moulage process and exercise briefings. This pre-registration of volunteers helped to avoid delays and logistical problems on the day of the exercise.

CITATIONS

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